Maravattikadavu Chira.

122. *MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the land owners who use water from a *chira* at Maravattikadavu at the 2nd mile on the Kallil Temple road, Kunnatnad taluk, have jointly applied to the authorities for improving the *chira* under the Minor Irrigation Rules;

(*b*) if so, the action taken in the matter till this date and the stage at which it stands at present;

(*c*) whether it has been brought to their notice that some portion of the above *chira* has been levelled and brought under cultivation; and

(*d*) if so, the reason for not evicting the trespasser and restoring that portion to its original condition?

MR. P. J. THOMAS (*Deputy Chief Engineer*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) It was found on investigation that the improvement to the existing tank in Survey No. 625/1 is more difficult than digging a new tank in an adjacent Survey No. 606/1-36 for which an estimate is called for.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) The encroacher has been evicted.

Kuriapilly Canal.

123. *MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the length of the Kuriapilly Canal running through the Thonnakka Puncha field, Thonnakka Kara, Aykaranad pakuthi, Kunnatnad taluk that has been deepened and widened by the Irrigation Department to meet the requirements of the cultivators;

(*b*) whether such works are necessary for any additional length and, if so, to what extent;

(*c*) whether any estimate has been prepared for the work and, if so, for what amount;

(*d*) whether sanction has been obtained for the same, and whether on account of the failure to complete the work, the cultivators have at present any facilities for draining out water; and

(*e*) if an estimate has been so sanctioned, whether any amount has been provided in the budget of this year for the work?

MR. P. J. THOMAS: (*a*) 2 miles and 1240 Rft.

(*b*) Yes. 5700 Rft.

(*c*) Two estimates, one for Rs. 1600 and another for Rs. 3860, have been prepared but the same are being asked to be consolidated.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) No.

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